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NOTICE OF MEETING
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

November 21, 2013
10:00 AM
1/ State Capitol, Room 112
Sacramento, California 95814

PRELIMINARY AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM NO.

1. Roll Call
2. Funding Status — Informational
3. Proposed Consent Calendar (Items 4—13)
- *4. Approval of Minutes — September 4, 2013
- *5. Recovery of Funds

* Proposed Consent Calendar

1/ These facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities; more information on page vii

- *6. Strawberry Creek Riparian Restoration \$253,000.00
Humboldt County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Pacific Coast Fish, Wildlife and Wetlands Restoration Association for a cooperative project with the Redwood National Park and the Fisheries Restoration Grant Program to restore approximately 1,600 linear feet of Strawberry Creek for anadromous salmonids including coho salmon and steelhead trout, located one mile west of the City of Orick in Humboldt County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the acquisition, restoration or enhancement of riparian habitat and aquatic habitat for salmonids and trout. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(e/f)]

- *7. Cosumnes River Ecological Reserve, \$2,500.00
Access Easement Exchange
Sacramento County

To consider the exchange of an administrative access easement with The Nature Conservancy at the Cosumnes River Ecological Reserve in southern Sacramento County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(b/c)]

- *8. Santa Cruz Sandhills, Zayante (Dowd and Dumas) \$772,600.00
Santa Cruz County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County (LTSCC) and acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Recovery Land Acquisition grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to LTSCC for a cooperative project with the Resources Legacy Fund Foundation to acquire in fee 14± acres of land and a separate 37± acre conservation easement for the protection of habitat essential to the recovery of several State and federally endangered species, located in the City of Ben Lomond in Santa Cruz County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source which provides matching funds for the acquisition and protection of habitat that promotes the recovery of threatened, endangered or fully protected species. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(b/c)]

- *9. Amargosa - Tecopa Hot Springs \$56,750.00
Inyo County

To consider the acquisition by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Recovery Land Acquisition grant to acquire 80± acres of land for the protection of wetland and upland habitat areas and linkages supporting the State and federally-listed endangered Amargosa vole and the Amargosa niterwort, located just north of the community of Tecopa Hot Springs, in Inyo County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the acquisition and protection of habitat to protect rare and endangered species, wildlife corridors and significant natural landscapes and ecosystems. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Fund (Proposition 40), Public Resources Code Section 5096.650(a)]

- *10. Allensworth Ecological Reserve, Expansion 28 \$9,000.00
Tulare County

To consider the acquisition of 7± acres of land by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the protection and expansion of habitat supporting the San Joaquin kit fox and other rare species found within the Allensworth Ecological Reserve, to enhance habitat linkages and connectivity, as well as provide for future wildlife oriented public use opportunities, located near the City of Earlimart, west of State Route 99, in Tulare County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the acquisition of habitat to protect rare, endangered, threatened or fully protected species. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(b/c)]

- *11. Pismo Creek Fish Passage Improvement \$563,000.00
San Luis Obispo County

To consider the allocation for a grant to Central Coast Salmon Enhancement for a cooperative project with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Fisheries Restoration Grant Program and the County of San Luis Obispo to improve fish passage on Pismo Creek, located six miles south of San Luis Obispo in San Luis Obispo County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the acquisition, restoration or enhancement of riparian habitat and aquatic habitat for salmonids and trout. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(e/f)]

- *12. Canebrake Ecological Reserve, Cap Canyon Unit, \$332,000.00
Expansion 3
Kern County

To consider the acquisition of 360± acres of land by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife as a cooperative project with the Audubon Society for the protection of riparian floodplain and adjoining upland scrub habitat supporting mule deer, mountain lions and migratory birds, located in the southern Sierra mountains, approximately 20 miles east of Lake Isabella, in Kern County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the acquisition of habitat to protect deer and mountain lions and the preservation or enhancement of wildlife values to protect or enhance floodplain areas. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(a) (Proposition 1E)]

- *13. Arroyo Sequit Fish Passage Improvements \$209,000.00
Los Angeles County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Department of Parks and Recreation for a cooperative project with the State Water Resources Control Board for a project to remove three instream barriers to steelhead trout, providing access to 4.5± miles of good quality habitat on Arroyo Sequit Creek, located west of the City of Malibu in the Leo Carillo State Park in Los Angeles County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the acquisition, protection and restoration of coastal watersheds and adjacent lands located in Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara counties. [Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Fund of 2002 (Proposition 50), Water Code Section 79572(a)]

14. Lake Tahoe Fishing Access Boat Ramp \$681,000.00
Placer County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Tahoe City Public Utilities District for a cooperative project with the North Lake Tahoe Resort Association to rehabilitate the boat ramp at Lake Tahoe Public Access Facility on Lake Forest Road, located two miles northeast of Tahoe City in Placer County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the development of public access facilities for hunting, fishing and other wildlife compatible recreational activities. [Wildlife Restoration Fund, Local Assistance]

15. East Contra Costa County HCP/NCCP (Roddy Ranch) \$ 4,846,875.00
Contra Costa County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy (ECCCHC) and the acceptance of two U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Habitat Conservation Planning Acquisition grants and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to the ECCCHC for a cooperative project with the East Bay Regional Park District to acquire 1,885± acres of land for the protection and preservation of existing regional wildlife linkages, including grassland and oak woodland savannah habitat areas within the East Contra Costa County Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan, located in the Diablo Mountain Range, above the City of Antioch in Contra Costa County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the acquisition and protection of habitat for areas in and around the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta that assist in the establishment of Natural Community Conservation Plans. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(c)(SSJD-NCCP)]

16. San Joaquin River Parkway, Ball Ranch (Quarry Site) \$3,980,000.00
Fresno County

To consider a proposal, on behalf of the San Joaquin River Conservancy (SJRC), to acquire 121± acres of land for the protection of riparian and oak woodlands habitat and for future wildlife oriented public use opportunities within the San Joaquin River Parkway located along the west side of Friant Road in Fresno County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for implementation of river parkway projects identified by the SJRC. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75050(f)]

17. Round Valley, Pine Creek Unit \$1,664,250.00
Inyo County

To consider the acquisition of 100± acres of land by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the protection of critical deer winter range, important wildlife corridors and riparian habitat, located 10 miles north of Bishop in the unincorporated community of Rovana in Inyo County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the acquisition and protection of habitat to protect deer and mountain. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(a)]

- 18 Granite Mountain Desert \$1,785,000.00
Research Center Improvements
San Bernardino County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Regents of the University of California to construct a new administrative building and housing for visiting researchers, renovate a staff residence and laboratory, expand wireless network infrastructure and improve the water system at the Granite Mountain Desert Research Center, located 16± miles south of Kelso in San Bernardino County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the construction and development of facilities that will be used for research and training to improve the management of natural lands and the preservation of California's wildlife resources. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(b)(3)]

19. Goose Lake Legacy Project \$2,348,836.00
Kern County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Waterfowl Association to acquire 1,670± acres of land for the purpose of protecting wetlands and associated upland habitat areas in the Goose Lake watershed, supporting numerous migratory birds and threatened and endangered species, located along the Pacific Flyway migratory bird corridor in the southern end of the San Joaquin Valley, south of the City of Wasco in Kern County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the acquisition and protection of habitat containing natural communities and for the protection of rare, endangered, threatened, or fully protected species. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(b/c)]

20. Ocean Trails HCPLA 2009 \$607,250.00
(Ya Yi May and Angeles LLC Properties)
Los Angeles County
- To consider the allocation for two grants to the City of Rancho Palos Verdes (City) and the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Habitat Conservation Planning Acquisition grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to the City to acquire two separate properties, 16± acres and 42± acres in size, for the protection and preservation of existing regional wildlife linkages and species located within the Ocean Trails Habitat Conservation Plan and the pending Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCP) areas. The purposes of this project are consistent with the proposed funding source that allows for the acquisition and protection of habitat to help implement or assist in the establishment of an NCCP. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Public Resources Code Section 75055(c)]
21. Imperial Wildlife Area Wetland Restoration \$1,000,000.00
Imperial County
- To consider the allocation for a grant to California Waterfowl Association for a cooperative project with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Duck Stamp Program to restore and enhance 367± acres of wetlands at CDFW's Imperial Wildlife Area, Wister Unit, located six miles northwest of Niland in Imperial County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the acquisition, enhancement or restoration of wetlands outside the Central Valley. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Fish and Game Code Section 2786(d), Wetlands Outside the Central Valley]
22. Tijuana River Valley Mesa Trails \$1,200,000.00
San Diego County
- To consider the allocation for a grant to the San Diego County Department of Parks and Recreation for a project to construct and rehabilitate trails, provide signs and trailhead facilities and restore 15± acres of coastal sage habitat on the south side of the Tijuana River Estuary, located three air miles south of Imperial Beach in San Diego County. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding sources, which allow for the development of public access facilities for hunting, fishing and other wildlife compatible recreational activities [Wildlife Restoration Fund, Local Assistance]; and the acquisition, protection and restoration of coastal wetlands identified in the Southern California Coastal Wetlands Inventory, located within the coastal zone, other wetlands connected and proximate to such coastal wetlands and upland areas adjacent and proximate to such coastal wetlands. [Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Fund of 2002 (Proposition 50), Water Code Section 79572(a)]

23. Appraisal Review and Disclosure Policy Report Informational/Action Item

To report the effectiveness of the Appraisal Review and Disclosure Policy previously adopted by the Wildlife Conservation Board and to recommend minor modifications as appropriate.

24. Strategic Plan Update Informational

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Persons with disabilities needing reasonable accommodation to participate in public meetings or other CDFW activities are invited to contact the Department's Reasonable Accommodation Coordinator Tina Johnson at (916) 651-1214 or Tina.Johnson@wildlife.ca.gov. Reasonable Accommodation requests for facility and/or meeting accessibility should be received by November 1, 2013. Requests for American Sign Language Interpreters should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event, and requests for Real-Time Captioners at least four weeks prior to the event. These timeframes are to help ensure that the requested accommodation is met.

If a request for an accommodation has been submitted but due to circumstances is no longer needed, please contact the Reasonable Accommodation Coordinator immediately.